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APPLICANTS: Niewöhner, *et al.*

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in the above-captioned application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as described on page 3 of this amendment.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, and 10 as shown in the attached sheets (pages 4-15 of this amendment).